
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 3, and add new claims 5-8 as set forth below:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image processing method for ~~enlarging or reducing~~ a digital image, characterized in that interpolation signals between discrete original pixels used for calculating an output pixel value are calculated by an FIR digital filter using as an interpolation function a function obtained by composing a function based on a cubic convolution method and a function based on a bilinear method.
2. (ORIGINAL) The image processing method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said FIR filter uses as an interpolation function a function that is obtained by composing a part of the function based on the cubic convolution method and a part of the function based on the bilinear method and is asymmetric with respect to the right and left.
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image processing device for ~~enlarging or reducing~~ a digital image, characterized by comprising an FIR digital filter using as an interpolation function a function obtained by composing a function based on a cubic convolution method and a function based on a bilinear method for an interpolation signal between discrete -original pixels used for calculating an output pixel value.
4. (ORIGINAL) The image processing device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said FIR filter uses as an interpolation function a function that is obtained by composing a part of the function based on the cubic convolution method and a part of the function based on the bilinear method and is asymmetric with respect to the right and left.
5. (NEW) The image processing method as claimed in claim 1 is for enlarging or reducing the digital image.
6. (NEW) The image processing device as claimed in claim 3 is for enlarging or reducing the digital image.
7. (NEW) An electronics apparatus for a digital image, characterized by comprising an FIR digital filter using as an interpolation function a function obtained by composing a function based on a cubic convolution method and a function based on a bilinear

method for an interpolation signal between discrete original pixels used for calculating an output pixel value.

8. (NEW) The electronics apparatus as claimed in claim 5 is for enlarging or reducing the digital image.